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Applicant: OKA, Takanori Conf.: 8292
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Filed: January 11, 1999 Examiner: SISSON, Bradley
For: NUCLEIC ACID ASSAY PROCESS AND ASSAY
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 15, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated July 11, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 13. (Amended) A nucleic acid assay process for identifying and/or quantifying a mutation or polymorphism in a double stranded sample DNA prepared by amplification of a particular region of an analyte nucleic acid which is present in a specimen, comprising the steps of: